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The School Election

Vigorous campaigning by many of the 16 candidates for the three board memberships to be filled next Tuesday certainly has given impetus to the prediction that the election should produce a record vote.

All levels of education in the United States have been subjected to critical appraisal since John Dewey wrote his book and more recently when Sputnik I went into orbit. While the American public may be more confused than ever before, there is small excuse today for any adult not knowing something about taxes, school administration and the methods used to produce the end product—an educated Johnnie and Mary.

Taxes to support a good and growing school system are and should be the concern of every thinking citizen. Of even greater concern should be the quality of that system as represented in a devoted, qualified administrative and teaching staff producing able graduates.

The incumbents—Grace Wright, Joseph Arnold, and Robert H. Ellis must and do run on their records. Their campaign has not been spectacular, choosing instead to let the accomplishments of the current school board speak for them. Mr. Ellis actually is seeking election for the first time because he is now serving out a portion of a regular term to which he was appointed to fulfill a vacancy caused by resignation. His personal campaign has been an active one and he has made a good impression.

A very serious contender is Bert M. Lynn. He has carried his usual resourcefulness and energy into the campaign, thereby accounting for a great deal of the interest. Because he is also president of the planning commission, opponents see in his candidacy a possible conflict of interest. The HERALD shares this concern but has been assured by the candidate himself that if such a conflict ever arises, in the event of his election, he will resign his position on the commission. For the most part, his published platform is sound, we think, and he certainly possesses other qualifications that should make him a worthwhile addition to the Board of Education.

Because of his many civic activities and other qualifications, William Hanson's candidacy is popular. We don't like tickets in school board elections but he shares strong endorsements with Lynn and Albert Charles who also has made a good impression in his many public appearances.

Attracting support from many sources is Mrs. Pat Huber, a housewife with a keen interest in education and enthusiasm for public service.

Others such as Dr. Bert Easley are qualified and have been impressive in their personal appearances. Several have expressed studied knowledge of the system. Dr. Easley repeats his confidence in the present school board administration and is a rigid foe of "politics" in any form getting into the school system.

The voters certainly have a choice next Tuesday and, in our opinion, it is good that they have. We do not presume to think that others in the campaign would not make desirable board members. But, we do believe any three of the individuals mentioned editorially here, would be safe and good for Torrance.



Gains and Brains

By ESTEY I. REED "The time will be coming — has come, perhaps—when your young people must decide on the occupation of their lives. You expect to have a voice in the matter. Quite right, if it is a voice of counsel, of suggestion, of pointing out unsuspected difficulties, of encouragement. But, perhaps you have already settled in your own mind the calling to be followed. This is a questionable proceeding." Sir Richard Steele, English author, offered this sage advice nearly 300 years ago.

The Mailbox

Issues in Forthcoming School Election Aired

Editor, Torrance Herald: I have been quoted out of context during the school election campaign. Since this misrepresents what I stand for, I feel compelled to straighten out the record. The article quoted out of context starts out with two paragraphs as follows: "The board of education welcomes citizens to board meetings." "There should be a public hearing time in the early part of each meeting when anyone in the audience may have the ear of the board." One sentence was taken out of a five-sentence paragraph. The first sentence, which was quoted, said: "No advance agendas should be given to either board members or newspapers."

through stale coffee grounds." During the past fourteen years the Torrance Board of Education has tried to work together for the good of the children of the community and has tried to avoid fights and undignified performances, which accomplish little. This is a deliberative meeting solving the educational problems of the community, not a performing political body putting on a show for the audience. Authorities on school organization recommend that harmonious meetings set the tone of operation for a school district. My efforts as superintendent are directed toward providing the board full and adequate information and plenty of time to make decisions. Nobody is perfect; all we can do is try. J. H. HULL Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

cluded in this report are directed primarily toward improved efficiency and economy in the service and administrative area; also the curtailment of certain non-essential frills which have filtered into the system." Business and industry are in agreement that inflation has led to increases in costs of their products, not to mention multi-million dollar TV shows, expense accounts, and other frills. Their answer to increased cost is either to raise the price of their products or cut the size of the package. I quote again from the Advisory Committee Report: "In view of the economic climate that prevails in this area and the strong resistance of the people of business and industry to the continued increase in taxes, your Committee recommends that you take steps to effect immediate economies in operation of the school district."

Out of the Past

From the Files of the HERALD

30 Years Ago

With 201 members enrolled, the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion has an excellent chance to win state honors for exceeding its quota of 125 in a membership drive concluded Tuesday night. The new membership represents an increase of nearly 50 over last year.

In a short talk to the Kiwanis club here Monday evening, Col. Robert L. Ingersoll, founder and superintendent of the Redondo Military Academy which has acquired the

old carbon plant building at 220th and Border for its new and enlarged location, outlined his reasons for coming to Torrance.

The Santa Fe Railroad will sell a rectangular piece of property fronting on Torrance Blvd. west of Hickory St. and south to Sonoma comprising 18 acres for \$2000 per acre. The Herald reported 30 years ago.

The price, railroad officials told civic leaders, was the equivalent of what they had paid for it plus carrying

charges. It's worth today?

20 Years Ago

Wage increases of 10 cents an hour went into effect this week for an increasing number of the nation's steelworkers as smaller mills followed the lead set Monday by the United States Steel Corp. and its subsidiaries.

The increase in Torrance alone was expected to add \$22,400 monthly to local payrolls. Announcement of the new pact was announced at a meeting in the Civic Auditorium.

Construction of 73 homes on as many lots north of the city park on Arlington and Border off Plaza del Amo, representing a total investment of \$236,600, was announced. The homes were to average about \$3000 apiece.

Ten days after denying the use of the Civic Auditorium to the Coordinating Council, privileges of using the building for Friday night dances were restored. Revival of the dances was greeted with approval by hundreds of young people and their parents who were invited by the sponsoring group to be in attendance and observe the social events.

Torrance Women's Club will sponsor a patriotic dance to be held at their clubhouse Saturday evening, May 10. The price was \$1 per couple.

The Old Timer "Folks used to make their own clothes on spinning wheels—now they lose their shirts on them."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Walking stick
2-Possessive pronoun
3-Perform
12-Gelatinous substance from seaweed
13-Small island
14-Cheer
15-Feast
17-Babylonian deity
18-Southern blackbird
19-Piece for one
21-Part of fortification
22-Suitable
23-Sun god
24-Liquid measure
25-Pigeon pea
31-Wright of India
34-New
35-Crazy
37-Metal fastener
39-Pronoun
40-Sailor (colloq.)
42-Still
43-NB
44-Part of "to be"
45-Suavely
46-Indian soldier
48-Fischer
49-Snake
55-Preposition
47-Biblical mountain
41-Employ
42-Cutlery
44-Wear
45-Conducted
46-Unemployed
51-Paradise

DOWN

- 1-Hand part
2-Cultivated land (col.)
10-Scene of first movie
11-Bleeder
16-Without company
19-Ancient deity
22-Tycoon
23-Level
24-Girl's name
25-Pronoun
26-Bark
27-Compassionately
30-Belfry
32-Arabian commander
41-A state (abbr.)
43-Pronoun (abbr.)
45-Accute
46-Max's nickname
48-Is cognate of
49-Knight
50-Number
51-Actual being
52-Man's nickname

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